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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/15/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lloyd (5510161).

Lloyd relates to a medical article comprising a backing (13) having a bottom surface disposed with a first adhesive layer (15), a first protective cover (18) is releasably attached to the first adhesive and its other surface is disposed with a second adhesive (19), and a second protective cover (21) is releasably attached to said second adhesive. Since, the first adhesive is a tacky and aggressive pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA), and that the second adhesive a normally tacky PSA (col. 5, lines 57-59 and col. 6, lines 7-8), the second peel strength will be lower than the first peel strength. As shown in the drawings, the first cover extends beyond the first adhesive layer to form a first tab (20) and the second cover has a second tab (23). The second tab extends beyond the first tab. The two tabs inherently colored and hence, are deemed to be color coded.

2. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bell (4516976).

Bell relates to a medical article comprising a backing (5) having a bottom surface, a first adhesive layer (8) disposed on the bottom surface, a first protective cover (4) releasably attached to the lower exposed surface of the first adhesive, the lower exposed surface of the first cover is provided with a layer of second adhesive (7), and a second

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protective cover (3) is releasably attached to the lower exposed surface of the second adhesive layer.

The intended use phrases such as "for skin attachment", "for attachment", etc. have not been given any patentable weight because said phrases have not been found to be of positive limitations.

3. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tritsch (4034752).

Tritsch relates to a disposable article comprising a backing (132) with a bottom surface having a first adhesive layer (136), a first protective cover (132a) is releasably attached to said first adhesive layer and, in turn, has a second adhesive layer (134a) disposed on its other surface, and a second protective cover (132b) is attached to said second adhesive (see figure-5). The covers/ backings or tape segments are provided with gripping means to facilitate grasping the segments for separations (col. 4, lines 57-60). The intended use phrases have not been given any patentable weight for reasons discussed in the previous paragraph.

Conclusion

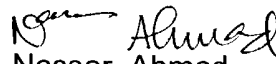
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-

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1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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